(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) प्राप्त शिकायतें पासपोर्टों को जारी करने में हुई असाधारण देरी के सम्बन्ध में थी । आरोप सामान्य किस्म के थे और स्टाफ के किसी सदस्य/अधिकारी विशेष के विरुद्ध उनमें कोई सूचना नहीं थी ।

(ग) सितम्बर, 1994 से पटना कार्यालय में बकाया मामलों की संख्या 27026 से घटकर 2383 हो गई है । 31-1-95 की स्थिति के अनुसार पटना कार्यालय अब 30 दिन में पासपोर्ट जारी कर रहा है ।

Firing by Sri Lankan Navy on Indian Fishermen

433. SHRI VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Indian fishermen were killed by in firing resorted to by the Sri Lankan Navy during the last three years:

(b) what steps Government have taken to save the life of fishermen since the Sri Lankan Navy indulged in violence without any care for Human Rights; and

(c) whether Government would come forward to censure the Sri Lankan Government for having indulged in such type of violence?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) 25 Indian fishermen are reported to have been killed in firing resorted to by the Sri Lankan Navy during the last three years.

(b) and (c) These incidents have been taken up strongly by the Government of India with the Sri Lanka Government. Bilateral discussions were held at the Foreign Secretary level in October 1993 and again at the official level in March, 1994 to discuss measures for preventing such incidents in future. These measures relate to (i) precautions to be observed by our fishermen; and (ii) steps to be taken by Sri Lankan Navy to avoid harassment of innocent fishermen. While there have been repeated incidents of our fishermen transgressing the International Boundary Line, the Indian side conveyed its concern over incidents of attack on Indian fishermen. Taking note of the seriousness of the situation, both sides agreed on the need for implementing effective measures for resolving problems of Indian fishermen. The issue was also discussed during visits of the Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka in April, 1994 and again in December, 1994. The two sides are agreed on continuing the process of bilateral discussions on this subject. Another round of consultations is proposed to take place shortly.

पाकिस्तान में अमरीकी परमाणु परीक्षण निगरानी सुविधा का विनाशकारी प्रभाव

434. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**
श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अमरीका ने पाकिस्तान में भूमिगत परमाणु परीक्षणों की निगरानी के लिए पाकिस्तानी क्षेत्र में वैज्ञानिक सुविधा स्थापित करने का निर्णय कर लिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह सच है कि पाकिस्तान ने परमाणु ऊर्जा का उपयोग करके विध्वंसक हथियार बनाए हैं;